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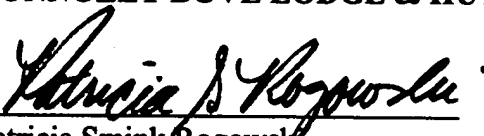
In response to the June 17, 2002 Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-14 for examination, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected claims in a continuing or divisional application.

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